

**Exemption from Closed Captioning: Undue Burden**

Name and Address of organization:

UNIONVILLE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

3837 HOUSTON AVENUE

MACON, GEORGIA 31206

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**Instructions:** Please provide responses to the following items. You should submit documentation to support your statements, particularly those related to your finances. There is no need to limit replies to the space provided. The more information included in your petition, the greater the likelihood of success in obtaining an exemption.

1. Describe the organization and nature of its operations, including for profit/non-profit status, business purpose or mission, and primary activities (examples: education, ministry, public service, etc.).

Unionville Missionary Baptist Church, founded in 1865, is a non-profit, religious organization made up of persons banded together for the purpose of worshipping, witnessing and working for God. It is our mission to develop spiritual leadership, encourage and enhance discipleship and provide a place of fellowship for those who have dedicated their lives to Christ. The church does this by preaching and teaching from the books of the Holy Bible as well as reaching out to the community through the work and development of our ministries (clothing, angel food, youth advisory), church programs (Vacation Bible School, Black History Productions), community outreach projects (Middle GA Faith Community Katrina Relief, D.A.R.E. Summer Camp, Prodigal Friendship, R.J. Fambro Scholarship, etc.), church web site and television broadcasts. The work of the church is financed through charitable contributions received from our parishioners.

2. Give a brief description of the programming and its intended purpose.

In order to effectively fulfill our mission it is necessary to spread the word of God to the masses. The most proficient way of doing so is television broadcasting. Throughout the years, we have been able reach those who are not physically able to attend worship services and church functions. They are able to turn on the television and see "The Church With A Mission.....A Minister With A Message." By watching our television broadcasts, the homebound are enabled. Our viewers

are able to worship and fellowship along with those who are in the sanctuary. No matter their circumstance, they can be still, behold and hear the word of Lord and learn from His word.

3. Give a specific description of the methods and costs of closed captioning the programming. You may wish to contact the station(s) to get more details about the type of captioning used as well as the costs of the services, equipment and maintenance.

According to our local station the cost for closed captioning would include \$10.00 per minute for each 30 minute broadcast (\$300.00 weekly).

A complete captioning system for our current operation would cost us roughly \$10,000. This does not include hiring additional full time staff (2 staff members) with a pay scale ranging from \$8 to \$10 an hour for 6 to 8 hours to perform the same operations that are required of the station. The variable costs of equipment maintenance and supplies must also be placed under consideration.

4. Does the expense associated with captioning require you to seek additional funds or curtail development and investment in other aspects of your organization? Does it have any other negative affect on your operations? Please explain fully.

Due to our present financial obligations, Unionville Missionary Baptist Church is not in a financial position to contract with our local station or purchase the necessary equipment and hire staff in order to provide closed captioning services. This is, in part, related to the fact that this additional expenditure was not allowed for when the annual operational budget was developed and approved. Unfortunately, the church finances are at the mercy of the parishioners. It is dependent upon the amounts of donations and gifts received. There is little to no room for adjustments after the budget has been set and to do so would mean financial suicide.

5. Please describe your finances and resources. You should be sure to include documents supporting your description, such as annual reports, balance statements, tax forms, and/or any other material depicting your cash flow, when you send back this questionnaire.

At present, we have reached our maximum level of expenditures for the year 2005. Please refer to the attached Church Financial Statement for the year 2004. As is noted, the church made a profit of only \$701.85 at the end of the year.

6. List other relevant factors that demonstrate the burden of closed captioning requirements. Does it harm relations with other organizations or affect timing and

delivery of programming? Any way in which the requirements would make day to day functioning harder should be mentioned.

The station would have to receive the tapes 3 weeks in advance in order to review the recording and produce a program transcript, segment the transcript into individual captions, with correct timing and positioning, review the end result for quality and accuracy as well as encode the result into the final media (Beta master tape, DVD, MPEG file, etc.) In using this method there is always the possibility of experiencing a loss in quality, timing and level of confidentiality.

### Financial Affidavit

#### A. WEEKLY INCOME FROM PRINCIPAL EMPLOYMENT

Deductions: Salaries	\$5849 / wk
403B Plan	\$ 180 / wk
Payroll/Other Tax	\$ 767 / wk
Gross Weekly Wage From Principal Employment	\$ 17,084.00
Total Deductions	\$ 6,796.00
Net Weekly Wages	\$ 10,288.00

#### B. ALL OTHER INCOME

Interest	\$ 115 / wk
Rental Property	\$ 115 / wk
Gross Weekly Income From Other Sources	\$ 230.00
Total Deductions	\$ -0-
Net Weekly Income From Other Sources	\$ 230.00
Total Net Weekly Income	\$ 10,518.00

Rent Or Mortgage	\$ 2438 / wk	Gas/Oil Transportation	\$ 91 / wk
Real Estate	\$ 36 / wk	Repairs	\$ 87 / wk
Electricity	\$ 572 / wk	Commercial Insurance	\$ 359 / wk
Gas	\$ 280 / wk	Water	\$ 85 / wk
Telephone	\$ 162 / wk	Trash Collection	\$ 22 / wk
Cable T.V.	\$ 10 / wk	Food	\$ 125 / wk
Total Net Weekly Expenses	\$ 10,115.00		

Copiers	\$ 488 / wk	Education Materials	\$ 192 / wk
Ministry Expenses	\$ 220 / wk	Administrative	\$ 1,861 / wk
Radio/TV	\$ 980 / wk	Maintenance	\$ 1,874
Conferences/Affiliation Dues	\$ 273 / wk		
Total Other Expenses	\$10,270.00		

#### CREDITORS

Security Bank

2,349	(Church Property 3837 Houston)	Balance Due	\$ 652,171	Payment	\$
	(949 Sylvian)		\$ 13,429		\$ 106
	(2003 Church Van)		\$ 14,176		\$ 125
	Total Liabilities		\$679,776	Weekly	\$ 2,580

## ASSETS

Security Bank

Checking, Petty Cash	\$ 6,346	Money Market	\$ 125,918
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Total	\$ 132,264
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Stocks/Certificates of Deposit	\$ 192,299
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Total Value	\$ 192,299
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Total Net Weekly Income \$ 10,518  
324,563

Total Cash Value of Assets \$

Total Weekly Expenses/

Liabilities	\$12,695
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Total Liabilities/Debts	\$ 679,776
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